

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the present application.

Claim 17 stands allowed. In order to allow this claim to pass to issue, the Applicant is requesting cancellation of claims 1-16, without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

**CONCLUSION**

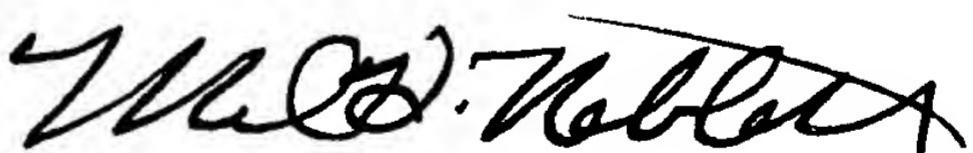
The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claim 17.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #951/48439US).

Respectfully submitted,

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